

EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 35985/16
Adrian MIHOC against Romania
and 12 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 20 January 2022 as a Committee composed of:

Armen Harutyunyan, *President,*
Jolien Schukking,
Ana Maria Guerra Martins, *judges,*
and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above applications lodged on the various dates indicated in the appended table,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The list of the applicants is set out in the appendix.

The applicants' complaints under Article 3 of the Convention concerning the inadequate conditions of detention were communicated to the Romanian Government, who submitted observations on the admissibility and merits. The observations were forwarded to the applicants, who were invited to submit their own observations. No reply was received by the Court.

By letters sent by registered post, the applicants were notified that the time allowed for the submission of their observations had expired (see the appended table for the relevant dates). The applicants' attention was further drawn to Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, which provides that the Court may strike an application out of its list of cases where the circumstances lead to the conclusion that the applicant does not intend to pursue the application.

No reply to these letters has been received by the Court (see details in the appended table). All applicants have been released from prison.

THE LAW

Having regard to the similar subject matter of the applications, the Court finds it appropriate to examine them jointly in a single decision.

In the light of the foregoing, the Court concludes that the applicants may be regarded as no longer wishing to pursue the applications (Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention). Furthermore, in accordance with Article 37 § 1 *in fine*, the Court finds no special circumstances regarding respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto which require the continued examination of the applications.

In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the cases out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to join the applications;

Decides to strike the applications out of its list of cases.

Done in English and notified in writing on 10 February 2022.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Armen Harutyunyan President

APPENDIX

List of applications raising complaints under Article 3 of the Convention (inadequate conditions of detention)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Date of the applicant's last letter to the Court	Date of the Court's registered letter	Date of receipt of the registered letter	New time-limit for submission of observations by the applicant	Date of the applicant's release from prison
1.	35985/16 14/07/2016	**Adrian MIHOC** 1982	28/09/2016	22/09/2021	01/10/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's sister	03/11/2021	20/09/2016
2.	36275/16 22/07/2016	**Constantin-Cătălin MIHĂILĂ** 1991	05/10/2016	22/09/2021	04/10/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's father	03/11/2021	07/09/2016
3.	39751/16 30/12/2016	**Nicolae VÂLCU** 1972	23/09/2019	18/08/2021	31/08/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's mother	29/09/2021	14/02/2017
4.	42909/16 16/08/2016	**Marin CĂPĂȚÎNĂ** 1955	29/11/2017	22/09/2021	06/10/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's daughter	03/11/2021	22/08/2017
5.	44440/16 01/09/2016	**Daniel-Cristian NIȚĂ** 1985	19/08/2019	22/09/2021	05/10/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's mother	03/11/2021	24/05/2017
6.	46403/16 20/09/2016	**Francisc MUNDRUCZ** 1985	03/01/2018	22/09/2021	05/10/2021 Handed over to the recipient, according to the Track & Trace service of the Romanian Post	03/11/2021	10/10/2017
7.	48104/16 05/09/2016	**Suraj ANGHEL** 1982	21/12/2016	22/09/2021	05/10/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's sister	03/11/2021	09/03/2017
8.	48170/16 03/10/2016	**George GHERGHINĂ** 1963	18/04/2017	22/09/2021	04/10/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant	03/11/2021	15/03/2017

9.	50789/16 14/12/2016	**Iulian-Minuț ILIE** 1987	11/09/2017	22/09/2021	04/10/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant	03/11/2021	20/06/2017
10.	65968/16 12/12/2016	**Florin-Tarzan RUSU** 1977	06/04/2017	18/08/2021	30/08/2021 Signed for receipt by the person designated by the applicant (his partner)	29/09/2021	15/03/2017
11.	17510/17 18/08/2017	**Iulian MIHAI** 1974	29/09/2017	18/08/2021	30/08/2021 Handed over to the recipient, according to the Track & Trace service of the Romanian Post	29/09/2021	08/08/2017
12.	32150/17 29/05/2017	**Antoni-Gabriel LAZĂR** 1977	04/10/2017	22/09/2021	01/10/2021 Signed for receipt by the applicant's mother	03/11/2021	31/08/2017
13.	47773/17 16/06/2017	**Marinela DOBREA** 1967	02/01/2020	22/09/2021	Returned to the Court as "unclaimed" on 01/12/2021	03/11/2021	19/12/2016